

Minutes

OLGH Pastoral Council Meeting
Sunday March 26, 2017 10:25am

Attendance Present : Ed Hubbard, Fr. Michael Barrett, Aruna Halala, Carla Kohlschmidt, Richard Krueger, Mary Muza, Peter Gray, Mark Kolb, Bob Gallagher, and Ed Abadie.

Not present: David Dorgan and Cedric Parish

Opening prayer; Richard Krueger

Acknowledgement: Mary Muza for snacks

Reports and perspectives from the chair: Ed reviewed the council members' involvement in OLGH committees and other groups:

- Prayer and Worship: Bob Gallagher chair, Ed Hubbard, Mary Muza (liaison), Ed Abadie, and Richard Krueger
- Finance : Carla Kohlschmidt, David Dorgan (liaison) and Ed Hubbard
- Christian Formation (Tri-parish): David. (*Note: Bonnie Parish, who is not a council member, also participates.*)
- Human Concerns (Tri-parish): Bob Gallagher (past); now David Dorgan, Aruna Halala, Ed Abadie, and Richard Krueger (Tri-Parish and OLGH)
- Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes Steering Committee: Fr. Mike, Ed Hubbard, Carla Kohlschmidt, and Bob Gallagher
- Archdiocesan Deanery Meetings: Ed Hubbard

Committee Reports

Prayer and Worship: Mary presented the details from the March 14 meeting.

- 1- The April 1 4 pm Mass will be reinstated.
- 2- The Ash Wednesday joint celebration with St. Bernadette's was evaluated. Fr. Greg's microphone was a problem. The combined choir enhanced the celebration.
- 3- Easter environment preparations: Saturday April 15 at 10am. Palm Sunday environment preparations Saturday April 8 at 10am.
- 4- Weekday Masses: Only 3 or so people come on Tuesday and Thursday. Bob will pursue having one of those Masses at Laurel Oaks instead.
- 5- Hospitality ministry issues, especially Sunday mornings: Bob will temporarily do the scheduling. A meeting will be held after Easter to clarify and review responsibilities. More hospitality ministers are needed.
- 6- There will be a collaborative Tenebrae service with St. Bernadette's on April 5th. Bob will have an announcement in the April 2 bulletin.

Parish anniversary celebration update by Mary

1. The number of confirmed attendees is 321.
2. Sunday April 2: Help is needed at 8am at the Sheraton. Carla and Mark will help with cake pick up and memory book pick up.

3. See checklist presented by Mary for details.
4. There will be 32 tables, each with a different name of the Blessed Mother.
5. There were 200 drinks ordered for Bloody Marys and Mimosas.

Finance Council report, by Carla

1. Options to address accessibility issues are under discussion.
2. Keeping Christ Child as a tenant is preferable. (Lease expires this summer.)
3. The leaking tunnel between the church and school needs to be repaired. An estimated cost of \$40-50,000. Firm quotes are being sought.
4. A roof contractor has provided an estimate. 2 or 3 bids will be sought. The church roof (6 years past its projected life) will be fixed this summer.
5. Weekly contributions are down 8% from last year.

Office move status by Bob Gallagher

1. We are in discussions about a move. Nothing has yet been decided.
2. There are several matters that will affect a decision.

Human Concerns report by Ed

1. Bob, Ed H., Aruna and David met March 18 to discuss transitioning from Bob as well as future efforts in accord with our parish mission.
2. Dave and Aruna will meet with counterparts at St. Bernadette's about their parish nurse program and how we could tap into, or learn from, it, and to explore other ideas for serving the needs of our aging parishioners.
3. We do have outreach funds that could be directed to community needs.

Looking Forward: Pastoral Council terms

1. Terms ending in 2017: Richard Krueger and Ed Abadie. They could renew for 3 years and are asked to state their intentions by the next meeting because efforts to recruit members to replace them would have to occur in May.
2. A new trustee is needed as Cedric is not eligible to have another term. Carla was appointed last year by Fr. Mike so he could again appoint a trustee, but nominations and an election for the post is the usual approach.
3. Terms ending in 2018: Ed Hubbard, David Dorgan and Mark Kolb.
4. Terms ending in 2019: Peter, Mary and Aruna.
5. Ed Hubbard stressed the need to consider filling the vice chair position, which has been open for nine months. Members were asked to give this consideration, as this will be re-visited at the April meeting.

Upcoming events

1. Easter Vigil "wine & cheese" social April 15: Mark and Ed Hubbard will be bartenders. The parish will provide cheese, sausage and crackers. Set up will be at 1pm. Volunteers needed.
2. Next Pastoral council meeting: Sunday April 23. No meeting in May; June meeting will be on Sunday the 11th
3. Tri-parish pastoral council meeting: At OLGH, 6:30pm Tuesday May 16.

4. Steering committee meeting: At OLGH, 6:30PM, Thursday April 27. Prime topic: Previous efforts to come together more fully had faltered. Hiring consultants to jumpstart the efforts will be considered.
5. Deanery assembly meeting Monday April 24: Ed H will attend, as our council chair. One other should also attend. Carla offered to do so.
6. David will bring snacks for the next pastoral council meeting in April and Mark will lead the opening prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon